

3,700,000 IS GERMAN LOSS FOR 3 YEARS

Statistics Show Absolute Decrease of 2 Per Cent in Population.

BIRTH RATE LOWER

Empire to Have 1,100 Women for Every 1,000 Men of Marriageable Age.

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 20.—"From the beginning of the war up to the end of 1916 there were over a million more deaths in Germany than is normally the case," says the Berlin correspondent of the Maasbode in a statement on the effect of the war on the vital and population statistics of the German Empire.

"For the first three years," continues the writer, "the entire loss by mortality is said to have been 3,700,000. Thus, instead of the normal increase of 2,400,000, there was on August 1, 1917, a decrease of 600,000, to which another 700,000 was added as a result of the decline in birth figures that still continues. The absolute decrease in the population after three years therefore would have been 2 per cent of the number at the beginning of the war."

"Other phenomena are to be expected for the near future. Instead of 14,000,000, the men between the ages of 17 and 45 will only number 12,700,000; and instead of 800,000, as now, the excess of women over men will be 2,100,000. It is not yet known how the war losses will be spread over the various ages, but it looks as if there will be 1,100 women to every 1,000 men of marriageable age. For these reasons, and in view of the fact that there will be a large number of invalids among the men, the marriage chances must be termed greatly reduced, a fact which will in its turn produce further shifts in the labor market, that on their part will again react on the population movement."

"The war is not regarded—at any rate by experts—as harmful for infants. Natural feeding is far more general than formerly in all classes of the population, and the results are good, as the food authorities ascribe to the mother the food for the child, as, for example, 1 litre of milk per day. Infants have a right to one litre of milk daily, 50 grammes of sugar and 200 grammes of flour a week and one pound of oatmeal a month, and can do well on that."

"The food question becomes more difficult in the child's second year, as vegetables and fruits are scarce, at any rate in the large towns, so that the potato has to take the place of these. The kitchen is now heard more frequently to restrict gymnastic exercises, and, following the example of the marmots, to substitute sleep for the food that is lacking."

SPORT

The University of Missouri and the University of Kansas have voted against participation in intercollegiate athletics by freshmen teams. Unless the faculties of the other five members of the Missouri Valley Conference have already acted favorably on the proposition then the rule permitting it, adopted in December by the Conference of Presidents and Boards of Control of the conference, cannot go in force. The Conference of Presidents and Boards of Control stipulated that the ruling must be ratified by the faculties of two-thirds of the other members of the Missouri Valley Conference by February 8. No report has been received here of any action being taken by the faculties of any of the other institutions.

The action of the University of Kansas came as a result of the stand of the University of Missouri faculty. When the Missouri faculty refused to ratify the proposed change before the holidays it named a committee to notify the other institutions of its action and to give the reasons therefore. When the Kansas faculty received this communication it took up the matter for consideration and voted its disapproval of the change.

A dispatch from Lawrence says, regarding the action of the Kansas faculty:

"The recommendation that freshmen in any Missouri Valley Conference school should be allowed to compete on athletic teams against freshmen of any other school has been rejected by the faculty of the University of Kansas. The ruling was discussed for considerable period by the university senate before being rejected. The main argument against the change was that it would encourage enlistment of freshmen in the university for athletics alone, a feature which the conference schools are seeking to avoid."

"The suggestion for a change was first taken up two years ago without action. At the meeting in Kansas City early in December, 1917, the Conference of Presidents and Boards of Control decided to report favorably upon the measure, leaving final action and approval to the faculty governing bodies of the various institutions. Since that time the question has been pending in Lawrence."

"Missouri was the first to disapprove the change. Following the action by the faculty of Missouri a communication was received by Chan-

cellor Frank Strong telling of the action and the reasons for such. The faculty here promptly took up the measure and in spite of the recommendation of the local athletic board the measure was defeated.

"The result of this action is uncertain. As far as the faculty of K. U. is concerned the K. U. freshmen will not compete. Neither will the Missouri freshmen. But the faculties of other institutions in the conference are believed to favor the measure."

Basketball Standings.			
	W	L	Pct.
Missouri	8	0	1.000
Kansas S. A. C.	5	3	.833
Kansas	4	3	.571
Washington	2	4	.333
Ames	1	3	.250
Nebraska	0	5	.000
Drake	0	5	.000

Director W. E. Meanwell's Wisconsin style of basketball has an excellent chance of winning for Missouri its first basketball championship. With eight straight conference victories Missouri is the only undefeated team in the Valley. Most of the remaining eight games should result in Missouri victories. The Kansas State Agricultural team, however, is still to be reckoned with. Starting with green material, a strong team has been developed at Manhattan and this team is the only real stumbling block left in Missouri's path. It seems at the present stage of the season that the championship would be decided when these two teams meet in Manhattan February 27 and 28.

The victories over Kansas and Nebraska last week gave Missouri a safe lead. This week the team will go to Ames for two games, but since Ames has been defeated by Kansas twice, Missouri should be able to take both contests. The week following Kansas will come here for two games. If the Tigers could obtain two victories from the Jayhawkers on the Lawrence court, Missouri rosters believe they should be able to repeat the performance here. The week following that come the crucial games with the Kansas Aggies. The Tigers will close the season with two more games with Washington here March 8 and 9.

LIEUT. LOOMIS TELLS OF FRANCE

Columbia Boy Writes Parents of Experiences at Front.

Lieutenant John F. Loomis, A. B. '16, former instructor of physics in Kentucky State University and resident of Columbia, has written his parents concerning his experiences in France. He is a member of the coast artillery and has been making observations on the American front. Extracts of the letter follow:

"You see there was a lot of hollering around and newspaper dope about the boys leaving for the front, but so far as I am able to find out, I am the only one from home, in a fighting capacity, actually to reach the firing line of the French battle fields. There are, however, some M. U. ambulance and camion drivers here in France."

"What I am sending you is a captured German helmet. It is the only souvenir I have that the censor will let through, and it should get to you about February 5. I cannot tell you the details so you will have to imagine some, but it was captured in an attack and brought in with other 'junk.' You take the helmet, known in French as 'un casque de boche' to one of the clothing stores of Columbia and ask them to show it in their windows along with the latest fads in headgear."

"I am thinking of going up in an airplane as an observer. The machines are two seated and have a double control so if one man gets killed the other can continue the flight. The observer spots the shots for our big guns below and sends back by wireless any changes necessary to hit the target. The stakes in this game are death, the object to kill the other man."

"I have learned much about the war that I did not know before (strange) but I cannot write anything on the subject. I like the French people and especially their language. In school I should have taken more French than I did Spanish; but I was thick of South America and not the battlefields of France."

Mr. Loomis is a son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Loomis, 206 Waugh street. He was captain of the tennis team in 1916. He is a member of the Kappa Alpha fraternity.

U. D. C. to Meet February 13.
The United Daughters of the Confederacy will meet at 2 o'clock, February 13 at the residence of Mrs. L. D. Shobe, 1503 Hinkson avenue.

Navy Beans, 14c at Sunnyside Grocery. A-103-1f

National Livestock Market.

NATIONAL STOCK YARDS, EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill., Feb. 11.—The Livestock Market for today was as follows:
HOGS: Receipts 25,000. Market 10c lower. Lights \$15.00@16.15. Pigs \$12.50@14.50. Mixed and butchers \$16.10@16.35. Good and heavy \$16.15@16.35. Bulk \$16.10@16.30. CATTLE: Receipts 7,000. Market steady. Native beef steers \$8.00@13.50. Yearling steers and heifers \$7.00@13.50. Cows \$6.50 @ \$11.50. Stockers and feeders \$6.00@10.50. Prime Southern beef steers \$9.00@12.00. Beef cows and heifers \$6.00@10.00. Prime yearling steers and heifers \$7.50 @ \$10.00. Native calves \$6.00@10.00. SHEEP: Receipts 1,500. Market steady. Lambs \$13.00@17.75. Ewes \$10.00@14.00. Yearlings \$11.00@14.00. Cannets and choppers \$6.00@10.00.

"WHAT TO WEAR" IS SPRING PUZZLE HERE

Hats Vary From Close Fitting to Wide-Brimmed Type.

SWEATERS FAVORED
Foulards, Silks and Cotton
Voile Find Place in
1918 Wardrobe.

In the spring a young man's fancy may turn to thoughts of love, as the poet fondly imagines, but not the young woman's. Its wildest flight goes no further than the fashion book or spring window displays, for she knows no peace of mind until she has decided the height and width of the hat she will buy.

Hats for spring vary from the small hat that fits the head and goes no further, to the wide-brimmed hat that goes with the afternoon gown or suit. Most trimming is quite flat and even feathers have very little fluff in them and are combed into the severe lines that characterize the present simple type of dress. Both small and large hats are worn with veils, either the close face veil, put on before the hat is donned, or the lace-like veil, which hangs from the brim of the large hat and from the crown of the small one.

Sweaters have become as much a part of every wardrobe as blouses and skirts. Most women know how to knit nowadays, and the war has made women so expert that they have no trouble in keeping up their regular knitted contributions for sailors and soldiers and doing their own knitting besides. The sleeveless navy sweater has been such a success that women are realizing that what they have been making for men is quite as useful for themselves. It leaves the arms free for golf and tennis and can be worn under the jacket of a sport suit. The sleeveless sweater also is collarless. Sweaters with sleeves have collars of Angora wool, seal or tailless ermine. For the sleeveless sweater, the newest colors are the heather tones in grayish lavender, dusty browns, pheasant browns and heather greens. Most of the new sweaters are worn with leather belts instead of the sashes that were so popular last summer.

Many of the most attractive spring dresses are silk crepe in flesh pink, delicate pastel colors and white, but the fresh note is struck by foulard. The new patterns are much more attractive than those of former years, and the white foulards with delicate figures are sure to attract the feminine eye. Foulard with mulberry and claret-colored figures is another new combination in dress goods. And gingham has come into its own, for many of the smart morning and sport dresses are being made of this material. Cotton voile, which has been popular for several seasons, again will take its place among the popular dress goods for it is cool and easily laundered.

STATE FARM COWS TESTED

Annual Tuberculin Test Shows Some Infection—Source Is Unknown.

A recent examination of the dairy herd of the University dairy department showed several reacting animals, according to tuberculin tests applied by the veterinary department. The entire herd was tested in April, 1917, and pronounced entirely free from the disease. For the last fifteen years the test has been applied annually according to the most approved method and only once before have any reacting animals been found. This was five years ago when two animals showed indications of tuberculosis contracted, it was thought, at the State Fair.

The source of the present infection is not known as all animals on the University grounds are tested regularly and no cases have been found before for several years. There is not any danger that any infection has been carried to those using dairy products from this herd since all milk and cream sold and all cream used for buttermaking, has been carefully pasteurized.

The infected animals all appear to be in the best of health at the present time but will be put out of the herd at once as no animal, the health of which is questioned in the least, is retained.

Prof. Meyer to Address Club.
"What the University Student of German Descent Can Do for Humanity" will be discussed by Prof. Max F. Meyer before the German Club at 7:30 o'clock Tuesday evening in the Y. M. C. A. Auditorium. Professor Meyer will speak from the point of view of the new society, Friends of German

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